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Representative Miranda

**Cosponsors: Representatives Ingram, Weinstein, Skindell, Brown, Boyd, Galonski,
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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge Congress to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine. 1

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The Fairness Doctrine was a communications policy 2
from 1949 to 1987 formulated by the Federal Communications 3
Commission; and 4

WHEREAS, The Fairness Doctrine required licensed radio and 5
television broadcasters to present fair and balanced coverage of 6
controversial issues of interest to their communities; and 7

WHEREAS, The January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol 8
building demonstrated the murderous consequences of lies being 9
spread through traditional and social media; and 10

WHEREAS, The mob of insurrectionists who attacked our 11
democracy were not foreign enemies but, rather, fellow 12
Americans, who were fed a steady stream of lies about the 13
integrity of our elections and of political rivals; and 14

WHEREAS, The survival of American democracy will depend 15
upon a return to reliable, factual information distributed 16
through the same media; and 17

WHEREAS, Engaged citizens of all political stripes deserve 18
factual information to make informed decisions and act 19
accordingly; now therefore be it 20

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 134th General 21
Assembly of the State of Ohio, call upon the United States 22
Congress to take the following actions in defense of our 23
Republic: 24

Craft a twenty-first century Fairness Act that ensures 25
cable, broadcast, and radio networks that use the public's 26
airwaves each provide a diversity of opinion on the issues of 27
the day; and 28

Reexamine Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act of 29
1996, 47 U.S.C. 230, to compel social media owners to take 30
responsibility for eliminating the widespread dissemination of 31
lies regarding factual matters; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 33
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 34
President of the United States, the President of the United 35
States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of 36
Representatives, the members of the Ohio congressional 37
delegation, the Governor of Ohio, and the news media of Ohio. 38